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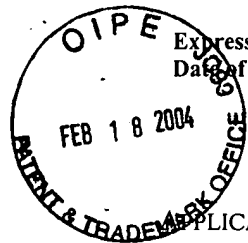
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2003, which is due on or before February 18, 2004. Applicants believe that no fees are due with this submission, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayments of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, reference 25669-013.

Please amend the application as follows.